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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Bernie McMahon

I talked to Bernie briefly before the Durenberger Leahy-DCI DDCI lunch.

He explained that the personnel hearing had been delayed until September and would be reduced to four functional areas (unidentified). The object was to find out whether the Agency needed any legislation or other kinds of help.

Durenberger was now satisfied on the issue of Shultz's appearance for the hearing on Intelligence and Regional Security Policy. Shultz and Durenberger apparently met privately earlier this week and Shultz allegedly agreed to appear as a witness at a wrap-up hearing regional security policy. Bernie said that Shultz had been unwilling to appear this week because he was uncertain what the Committee wanted. After talking to Durenberger he was less uncertain. One further one-on-one conversation was planned for the summer, and then Shultz allegedly would appear with Casey and Weinberger at the wrap-up hearing. This sounds a little fanciful to me.

While sitting in Bernie's office I became aware of a letter to the President from Durenberger and Leahy addressing the subjects of counterintelligence and security countermeasures. I am not clear on the contents of the letter, except that it is an expected response to an earlier exchange with the White House on the same subject. Bernie noted that we would not receive a copy because, according to him, Poindexter had long ago instructed that letters to the President should be sent only to the President. In due course we will want to find out what this letter is all about, if only to be sure that it is answered appropriately and on time if an answer is required.

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